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How will the Cafeteria food change?

BY JESSICA PALL
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Saint Leo University's cafeteria is now run in-house as the University terminated their business contract with Sodexho Incorporated this summer.

"We did this to avoid the business restrictions of the corporate world," said Rich Vogel, director of Saint Leo University's food services.

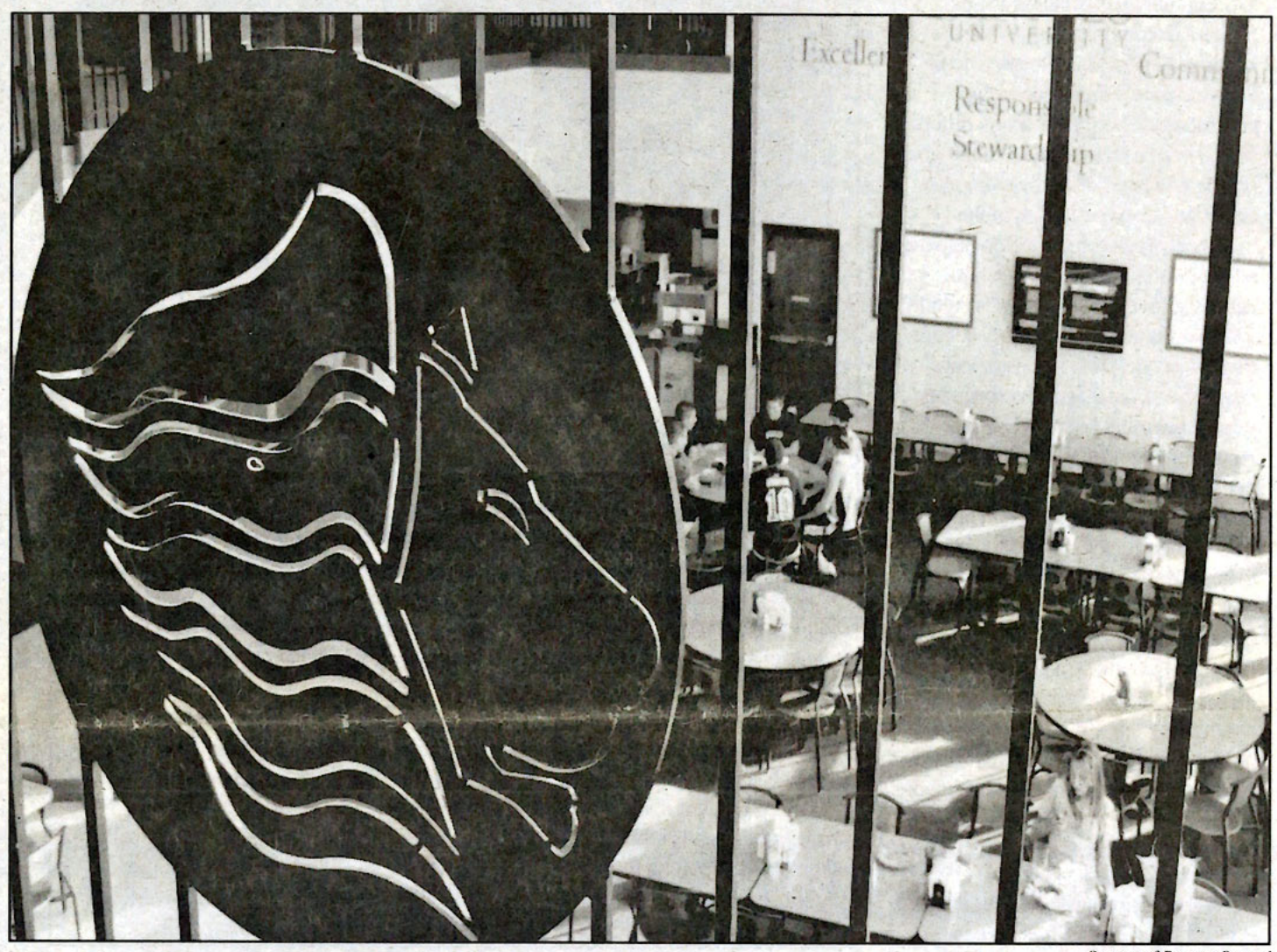
The decision was made by the President's staff that sent a letter of termination to Sodexho on July 30, giving the company a 60-day lapse period to finish their dining services.

"The University decided to take the food service operation 'in-house' because we believe we can provide better dining services to students, faculty, and staff. This decision will also save money, thereby furthering our value of responsible stewardship," said Frank Mezzani, vice president of business affairs and chief financial officer in an e-mail to *The Lions' Pride*.

Sodexho Incorporated is a large and very reputable corporation serving more than ten million customers in 6,000 locations daily. However, the University believes they can provide the campus with better services without corporate restrictions.

Vogel explained that part of the limitations relate to the subsidies given to buyers purchasing large amounts of food from distribution houses. All these subsidies from the food bought for Saint Leo went straight to Sodexho and the school did not see any benefits of the money.

"Now, we are going to ensure that any profits will go back into the food program. Being on our own will enable us to have more purchasing power," Vogel said.



The Saint Leo University Dining Hall

Courtesy of Donovan Rummel

The University is developing their own dining program to replace Sodexho's purchasing limits, menus, staffing, and budgetary limits. However, Vogel said any noticeable change will not be evident until the spring.

All current employees will have to undergo a very extensive background check this semester in order to work for the University, who hopes to retain all their employees. Vogel, who left Sodexho to accept the University's offer to stay on as Food Service Director, said it will also open up the door for better candidates.

Vogel said that the best time to transition to new management would have been during the summer, but because of both the University and Sodexho's fiscal year, the contract was terminated at the end of the July.

In order to continue developing a better food program, surveys will still be distributed, so students and staff can rate the cafeteria's services and offer suggestions. However, the cafeteria will now use the University's own survey services rather than a third party which took months to process in the past.

The cafeteria will also continue their sustainability program, which will compliment the University's various efforts to go green. Whenever possible, the cafeteria will buy produce from local farmers and producers, which will not only benefit the campus but continue to help support the surrounding community.

$4 million gift turns into a new construction site

BY JORDAN STEVENS
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Many students probably noticed some differences when returning to campus this semester. The most noticeable difference is the massive construction site located on Saint Leo's main campus. What appears to be a large dirt mound is soon going to be the home of a brand new, state of the art facility for the University's School of Business.

The new facility will be three stories high and will add 50,000 square feet to Saint Leo's campus. Inside, there will be nine additional classrooms, a boardroom, a lecture hall, computer labs, and a broadcasting technology suite.

The construction of this new facility costs $12 million. How can Saint Leo afford this? Well, a gift of $4 million was donated.

Multi-millionaire and alumnus of Saint Leo, Don Tapia, donated the $4 million to help start the construction of this new facility. Tapia earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in business through The Center for Online Learning.

Tapia, who is also an honorary member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity on campus, started Essco Wholesale Electric Incorporated as his own business. Tapia wanted to give something back to Saint Leo using some of his earnings from his business. His donation has definitely sparked interest of many people and has also caught the attention of students all around campus.

"I am very excited about the new facility being built. I cannot wait until it's finished," said Junior Sid Jones.

Jones is most looking forward to the new broadcasting suite.

Students all around campus cannot wait to see what this facility will have to offer. The project is scheduled to be finished within the next year and welcoming students in the Fall 2011 semester. Until then, everyone at Saint Leo will be watching in anticipation and waiting for the new facility to finally be finished.

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY!

Love thy neighbor. This idea originally presented in *The Bible* was represented at Saint Leo University's Community Service Day on the 28th of August.

"Bright and early on Saturday morning, the courtyard between the Student Activities Building and the Student Community Center was bustling with hundreds ready to lend themselves and their time to the community. There were many different places that needed a hand, but my goal was to find one I could be passionate about, and also one that all of the members of my sorority could help out at. I chose Saint Anthony's school because I love children and it is literally within my community. I firmly believe that it's wonderful to help people in other places, but that true community service begins at home. At Saint Anthony's, I and several others spent our time painting the walls in the hallways. Although this wasn't difficult, I felt wonderful to be doing something to help. Just knowing that I assisted in making the school environment more pleasant for its students is a spectacular feeling. I have made a lasting impact on the school just by donating a couple hours of my time. While paining I not only spent quality time with my friends, but made some new ones. Working on a project together really unifies individuals and creates a bond. I'm

"By participating in community service I got a chance to interact and bond with other students as well as participate in an event that allowed me to feel better about myself and help others" said Freshman Jessica Oliver.

Group providing community service at Florida National Cemetary Courtesy of Joe Little

"Waking up for community service on a Saturday morning is not typically on the top of my to-do list, but I wasn't going to lose ten percent of my grade the first week of school. Katelyn Humphrey and Megan Aronica, also freshman here at Saint Leo, woke up and joined me for breakfast after signing up with a specific service group. We discussed how the whole thing would probably be a drag and how we wished we didn't have to do it. Fortunately for the three of us the experience wasn't a drag at all. It was an experience to remember and the easiest ten percent of a grade I had ever received.

We had signed up to take a trip to the Florida National Cemetery and help out with some of the routine but time consuming landscaping jobs. The work we did involved laying mulch down around trees and filling in bare spots so no dirt would show through. Even though we were working, we made a couple new friends, shared stories and laughter, and even snuck away with an employee to see a baby alligator. After getting the job done we were taken on a quick tour to see some significant sites. Although the day was not highly anticipated by many of my friends as well as myself, I wouldn't mind doing it again," said Freshman Carly King."

"This past Saturday, the 28th of August, Saint Leo University demonstrated the core value of community and invited all students to spend their morning participating in community service projects at various locations throughout the Tampa area. I myself went with my sisters of Sigma Sigma Sigma, along with others, and had a wonderful time painting part of the interior of Saint Anthony's School in nearby San Antonio. Though I was paint covered and sweaty by the time the day ended, it was a fantastic experience. My group and I bonded over a lot of paint and a lot of laughs in just the course of those few hours, and did something to better the community in the process. This, above all else, is a fantastic experience to have," said Senior Lindsay Renner.

"We made over 1,000 ziploc gallon care packages for the troops and it felt really good. People don't realize how the military just enjoys something small like a pen, a piece of candy or coffee. These are things we take advantage of in our daily lives. This made me stop and think about how lucky I am to be at a school where everything is readily available," said Sophomore Michael Gincel.

Address to Freshmen

BY ALYSSA SCHUYLER
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Dear Class of 2014,

These first few weeks have been insane to say the least. I have said goodbye to more than just family, but also a little personal space, and a lot of sleep. However, Saint Leo is a great school that has provided its students with top notch teachers and great on and off campus activities. Even with all the amazing times and great friends I've made, I can't kid myself; it's been rough. Freshmen year in college is a big transition for students. I went out and talked to a few people freshmen may encounter often at these buildings: DeChantal Hall, the Fitness Center, the Learning Resource Center, and the library. I asked them one question: What would you want students to know about you most?

I visited a nurse in DeChantal Hall, and her answer was that they are accessible and available. Also, she said that the medicine prescribed there is given to you on-site so you don't have to worry about going somewhere to get prescriptions. This also means you can get healthier faster, and get back into classes faster! Dr. Bala is new to the staff this year, and is becoming active in the Rotary club.

When I went into the Fitness Center I was met by a group of very energetic people. They told me that they were new and improved. The Fitness Center is now 4,000 square feet and has the convenience of personal trainers and an array of classes. Drinks and shirts are also available to buy.

When I asked the Learning Resource Center what they most wanted students to know about them, their answer was that they were here to help every student with a variety of topics. They also offer Supplement Instruction for difficult classes. The LRC offers both professional and student tutors. They now also offer online appointments at tutoring.saintleo.edu.

I went into the Cannon Memorial Library and asked what they wanted students to know. They said that sometimes students don't realize the amount of resources available, and when they do, they are pleasantly surprised. Also, they say don't be afraid to ask for help if you can't find something. Someone will always be willing to help you. On the library website, there is a subject research guide to help students find what they are looking for.

Freshmen will undoubtedly be visiting these places on many occasions. So, I hope these answers help or even encourage some people to go more often. Saint Leo has provided students with the tools they need to succeed at Saint Leo academically and in life. If we use the facilities correctly over our four years here, who knows what amazing things we can accomplish?

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Welcome Week

BY ALYSSA SCHUYLER
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As new freshmen entered the campus of Saint Leo, the school greeted them with a variety of activities. Welcome Week kicked off on Monday, August 23.

The week started with some intense fitness classes and dance lessons.

"Even though it was just five of us, it was a lot of fun," said Freshman Daniela Barboza.

Monday night ended with a showing of "Iron Man 2," which was held in the Selby Auditorium, complete with popcorn, juice, and other delicious goodies. Then, Tuesday marked the first day of classes for all students. That night at 7p.m. they held the "Zeus" play in the SCC Boardrooms. This was a light-hearted musical full of gods and goddesses throwing a birthday party; they even included the mortal audience in the fun.

On Wednesday night, the SCC Boardrooms were full from wall to wall for Campus Activity Board's Bingo night. Some people even had to sit on the floor. Everyone came with school supplies and the hope of winning a big prize. Letters and numbers were being called, and two groups in particular had become quite adamant about one prize. One person had called 'BINGO!' and the other exploded with frustration over the loss. Even though the Bingo coordinators tried their best to calm the room down, the event was shut down for the night, and the Toy Story prize was claimed by someone else.

Thursday night, students learned how to Salsa dance and afterwards could cool down, relax, and enjoy a showing of "Prince of Persia."

On Friday came the big ticket event. Students all around campus who had tickets made their way to the busses and those who didn't either prayed people didn't show up or found a T.V. to watch the Rays vs. Redsox Game. It was an exciting game, but an unfortunate loss for the Rays, 3:1. Finally, Saturday would wrap up an exciting Welcome Week. The campus wide Community Service Day was a big success with many wonderful stories and experiences coming out of it. After a meaningful day of helping others, we came back to a campus that had transformed into a carnival, complete with rides, live music, and all you can eat cotton candy.

Welcome Week was a huge success and a great start to this year. With such a variety of activities, anyone could pick something that interested them. Thanks to those who put so much time and effort into Welcome Week, those who participated will surely have fond memories for years to come.

The Lions Pride to Debut New Website This Fall

BY GREG ROBINSON
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The manner in which news is disseminated to the public has been radically changed by the internet. Traditional newspapers are adapting to the demands of their readers by adding more online content, redesigning websites, and incorporating multimedia to complement their articles. *The Lions' Pride* is following this trend with a complete overhaul of its online edition.

Not only will the design and style of the *Lions' Pride Online* be changed, but many new features will be added to the updated website as well. This includes photo journals, videos, slideshows, and other multimedia content. The new website will also provide links to Facebook and YouTube channels to reach more of our readers on the websites they use most. Our Facebook link will allow updates to be posted to a forum used by most of the college population, while the YouTube channel will provide another forum for hosting videos, which will have a large presence on the redesigned website.

In addition to these changes, look for more frequent online updates as the year progresses. *The Lions' Pride* is seeking to publish once a week rather than once every two weeks, and part of this transition will consist of more frequent postings to the website. In the past, some events on campus were not covered due to space limitations in our print edition. The new website will allow more events and issues to be covered and not just through articles. Photo journals, video clips, and other advances will allow wider coverage of the SLU community in various forms of media.

Look for the new *Lions' Pride Online* to launch by Monday, September 13. This will be a test version of the website to establish which features are used by the site's visitors the most and tailoring these features to the audience. A feedback page will also be included on the website for comments regarding the site's functionality.

As the fall semester progresses, *The Lions' Pride* staff will be evaluating the new online format and redesigning it to better serve the SLU community. The ultimate goal of the new website is to provide students, faculty, and their families about news in the SLU community in a format consistent with other online publications. The videos, photos, and other multimedia will disseminate news in a manner that utilizes the technology available.

Be sure to go online to www.pride-online.net and see the latest features.

Necessity vs. Luxury

BY LINDSAY RENNER
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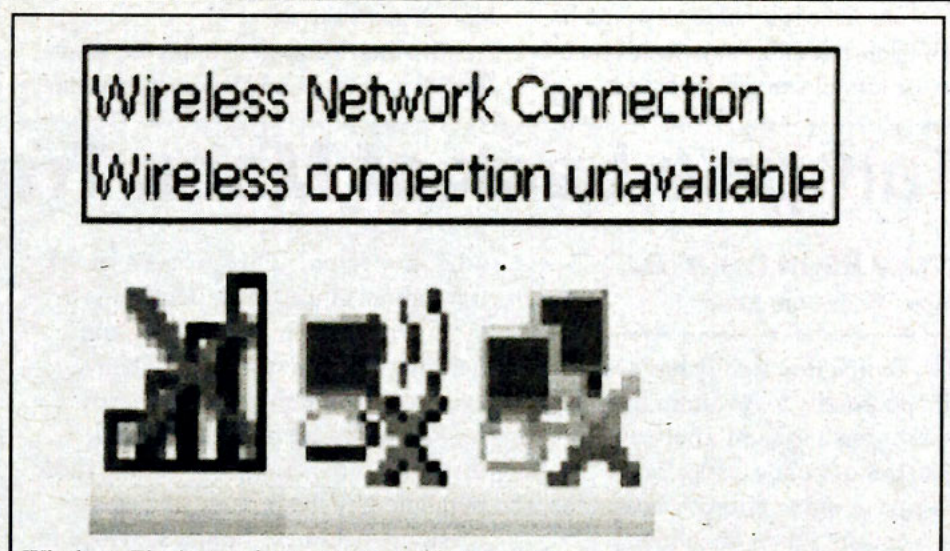
Twenty years ago, one could not have predicted the tremendous impact the internet would have upon the day to day lives of people. For many people, the internet is their portal to the world; it provides information about the lives of those they care about and presents an outlet for work and leisure activities alike. In the classroom, particularly, the internet is of growing importance. On Saint Leo's campus, many professors utilize Blackboard, WebCT, or other means of posting their coursework online for the students' access.

Why, then, is so much lacking on campus with the functionality of the internet? I myself have lived in three residence halls on campus that are without a solid means of obtaining wireless internet; apartment buildings one and two have devices that are intended to pick up a wireless signal, but rarely do. Currently, in apartment building two, not even the Ethernet connection is completely reliable. A campus so technologically wired should not email students and tell them that wireless internet is not a guarantee, even if they do attempt to ensure its availability.

Of late, not even the campus library has had adequate wireless. Saint Leo student Kristen Ash said,"They advertise free wi-fi all over campus before you come here, and they really don't have it. I should be able to do my homework in my room, at my desk, especially if it's raining outside."

Ash raises a valuable point, as the laptops can be ruined through transport in the rain, and there are nowhere nearly enough desktop computers to accommodate every student on campus. Ash also asks, "What if I'm sick? How do I email my teachers and let them know if I can't even access the internet in my room?"

Ultimately, all of this really begs the question: "Has the internet become more of a necessity than a luxury?" If humanity were to be stripped to its bare bones, the internet surely would be more of a luxury; after all, mankind survived without it for an immensely long period of time. However, in our current state, this is simply unacceptable, especially when so much of a modern college education hinges on the availability of the internet. One must also wonder if the new business building being constructed on campus will be outfitted with the same wireless setup available on the rest of the campus. If so, this valuable addition to the campus could face just as many connectivity issues as the rest of campus.



Wireless: The bane of many students' lives on campus

Courtesy of Greg Robinson

Of late, the strongest wireless connections on campus seem to be available in apartments three and four, as well as the Student Activity Building and the Learning Resource Center. Though this at least is fine, one can only wonder where this leaves the majority of students on campus. University Technical Services was contacted with a request for answers, though they did not respond to requests for comment before the deadline. Hopefully, if enough attention is called to this issue, University Technical Services will address and remedy this problem to everyone's satisfaction. Until then, one can only sit and curse the dreaded "wireless connection unavailable" icon at the bottom of the screen and hope something changes, and fast, lest we be left unconnected.

The hurricane and alligator myth

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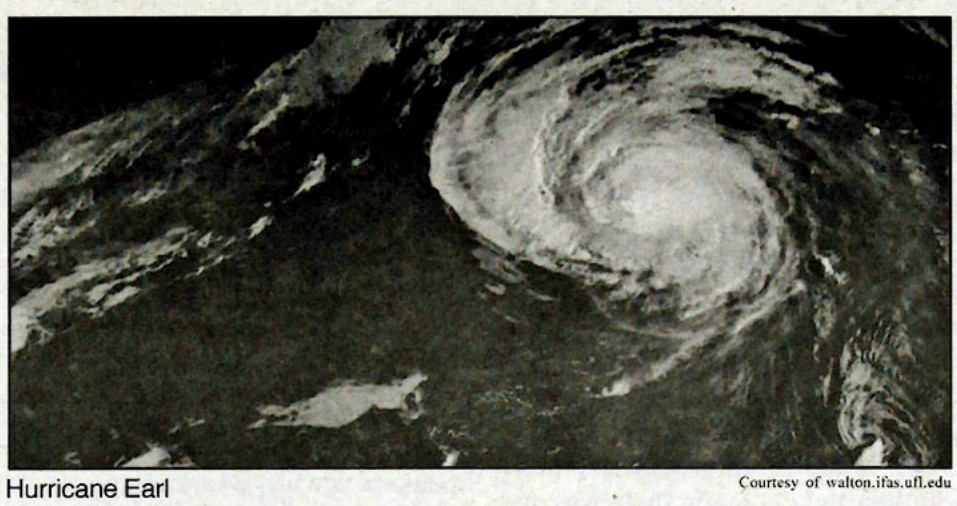
Hurricane Earl
Courtesy of walton.ifas.ufl.edu

The common misconception: The Tampa Bay Area gets hit by hurricanes all the time.
The truth: Tampa Bay has not been hit by a hurricane since 1921.

Saint Leo University's executive director of Campus Safety and Security, Robert Sullivan, explained that unless the "eyewall" of the hurricane, or its center, hits an area, it is not technically considered a hurricane. People often do not know this, and refer to intrusive storms as hurricanes, thus, instilling fear in many about hurricanes within the Tampa Bay area. Sullivan spent 27 years in local law enforcement and was expected to know the facts about hurricanes and other harsh weather conditions for his position. Sullivan explained that the dangerous part of a hurricane lies inside of the "eyewall," and while Tampa may experience the "feeder bands," the outside edges of a hurricane, those are nowhere near as dangerous and may feel like a typical thunderstorm.

"It would be nice to change the misconceptions of the students coming from the Northeast about students getting blown away by a hurricane. Odds are, they may get to experience the feeder bands which are nothing worse than a bad thunderstorm," said Sullivan.

The convenient thing about hurricanes is that they are easy to detect, and when their patterns are measured, it is usually easy to tell exactly where they are going to go. If Saint Leo were to be hit by one, all of the students would be notified three to four days in advance and the school would take proper precautions. The school has a thorough Hurricane Readiness Plan which is strictly followed should there be a hurricane watch, indicating that a hurricane may threaten the area within 24 hours. In this scenario, the school would send Plant Operations to check for wind hazards such as broken tree branches, rotting trees, or loose roofing. They would also check their radios and campus safety vehicles to make sure they are in working order, and be sure that all University divisions including Campus Safety and Security reviewed the Hurricane Readiness Plan.

In addition to faculty preparation, the school also has the students' numbers on the emergency call list so that they may receive what is referred to as a Connect.Ed call from the University indicating that there is the potential of a hurricane. Each student should have received a test call earlier in the year from this program.

"Make sure that the school has your cell phone number – make sure it's on record with University Communications," said Sullivan.

If a hurricane were to hit the Saint Leo Area, Saint Leo University has the means and space to protect its students, as well as those from the San Antonio and Dade City areas. In addition to being a higher education facility, Saint Leo University is also a hurricane shelter.

"We know days before [a hurricane hits] – kids will be communicated with within three days before this happens and we will know whether it gets closer and whether to evacuate. At that point, we would strongly encourage kids to go home and leave campus. It wouldn't be required, but they'll have that much advance notice, and we will protect the ones that stay," said Sullivan.

The buildings used for shelter on campus include the Marion Bowman Center, Lewis Hall, Saint Edward Hall, and some residence halls. For the duration of the hurricane, students would be moved into the hallways for safety. The school also puts up a protective sheath over buildings, such as Lewis Hall, to protect the building against wind speeds up to 45 miles per hour. Additional Safety and Security officers would also be sent to patrol the area and ensure that all students were brought to safety. The weather conditions would be continuously monitored, and the safety vehicles would be maximally fueled so evacuation would be an option if necessary. The school would also coordinate with the Red Cross.

Something important for students to know is that since hurricanes are detected early, they are much more likely to harm property than people. Since people are aware beforehand, they can either evacuate the area or proceed to proper sheltering.

"Don't worry about hurricanes; the only thing students would have to worry about is if they owned a property and didn't want it to get damaged. We can protect the students; we're very good at protecting people here. We're not so good at protecting property damage, but we do really well against people damage. What's nice about Saint Leo University is that this place is built like a fortress," said Sullivan.

"I would want students to worry about a hurricane as much as they worry about an alligator, and I'll tell you why. I get calls from parents in New Jersey and New York asking about a gator in the lake. They say, 'I think there's an alligator in that lake! When are you going to spray?' Alligators don't mess with you unless you have them cornered and you're messing with him or her. There is at least one gator in any body of water in Florida."
The same goes for alligators and hurricanes: do not mess with them directly, and they won't mess with you. Just like feeding an alligator is always a bad idea, ignoring the signs of a hurricane and playing outside in bad weather is always a bad idea. Ensuring shelter is ensuring safety, and in terms for both shelter and safety, Saint Leo University has its students covered.

Tampa's Lack of Mass Transit

BY CARSON HOLTON
Lions' Pride Copy Editor

Tampa Bay finally has a window of opportunity to revolutionize its mass transit system after several decades of public criticism. Is Tampa going to properly attend to this cause as their economic responsibility to the people, and if so, how long will it take?

According to tampabay.com, there are 35 regional mass transit systems for major metropolitan areas in America. Of those 35 systems, Tampa is in last place. This embarrassing statistic is a concern to the success of businesses and individuals in Tampa alike. However, there is a chance that this may turn around for the better soon.

"The first plunge is the November 2 referendum by Hillsborough County voters to approve a penny tax increase to pay for the system within the county," said tampabay.com.

After this tax increase is approved by voters, the surrounding counties in the Tampa Bay area must follow with approval of their own referendums to complete this process of building a better system. This process is not immediate since tax collection is a slow process, while designing and building a better system may take even longer assuming that all legal requirements are met. Despite all these concerns, Tampa is getting more populated by the minute, and as the economy declines, Tampa's chance to finally create a sustainable, respectable system is only going to diminish over time. This is why voters need to act now to get this project underway as soon as possible.

One of the perks of creating a new transit system is that Tampa has an array of new systems to choose from. This means that Tampa could instill a unique system that its inhabitants can be proud of. The downside to this great new system will be a one-cent increase in taxes. In this hard economy, that may not be a popular decision. However, in the next couple of decades, our region will increase traffic by double, and possibly by triple. Funding this project will be difficult later on, and that does not even include road improvement costs. That is why now is the best time to start on this mass transit project while it is still an economic possibility for Tampa.

As Tampa continues without an effective system of transportation, major businesses will establish themselves in other regions. That means less job growth, lower wages, lower living standards, and lower housing demands. Tampa's officials are well aware of this issue, and are planning for changes to take effect soon. According to tampabay.com, a rail line connecting Tampa to Orlando is currently approved for construction. However, improving the mass transit of Tampa is the primary concern of Mayor Pam Iorio. These two projects will undoubtedly help reduce pollution in this region, while reducing the cost of gas. With the high cost of gas these days, a one-cent tax increase might not be a bad trade-off in the long run.

In the meantime, some eye-catching transportation alternatives are gaining popularity halfway around the world. America is second only to China for greatest amount of greenhouse gas emissions. That is why China has created a new railway system that will revolutionize mass transportation. This railway is designed to run directly over traffic at 37 miles per hour on rails on either side of the traffic lanes. These buses can hold up to 1,300 people at a time, which will reduce the pollution, traffic, and congestion in China significantly. Not only will this reduce time, traffic, and gas emissions, but will save energy as it will run on solar energy, according to care2.com.

Another traffic feat from China is the train that never stops. This train continues to move at high speeds without stopping while its passengers board and exit the train via a smaller shuttle that attaches and detaches on the top of the train. Since a bigger train takes more energy to stop, it is faster and more energy efficient to start and stop smaller shuttles, saving lots of time between stops compared to typical railways according to singularityhub.com.

Perhaps Tampa could invest in unique traffic projects such as ones currently being constructed in China. Funds many not be sufficient for something so creative, but it seems that several projects for traffic improvement are under consideration for Tampa. For such a busy region, a train connecting major areas in Tampa would be a wonderful thing.

Life in Africa

BY JORDAN COATES
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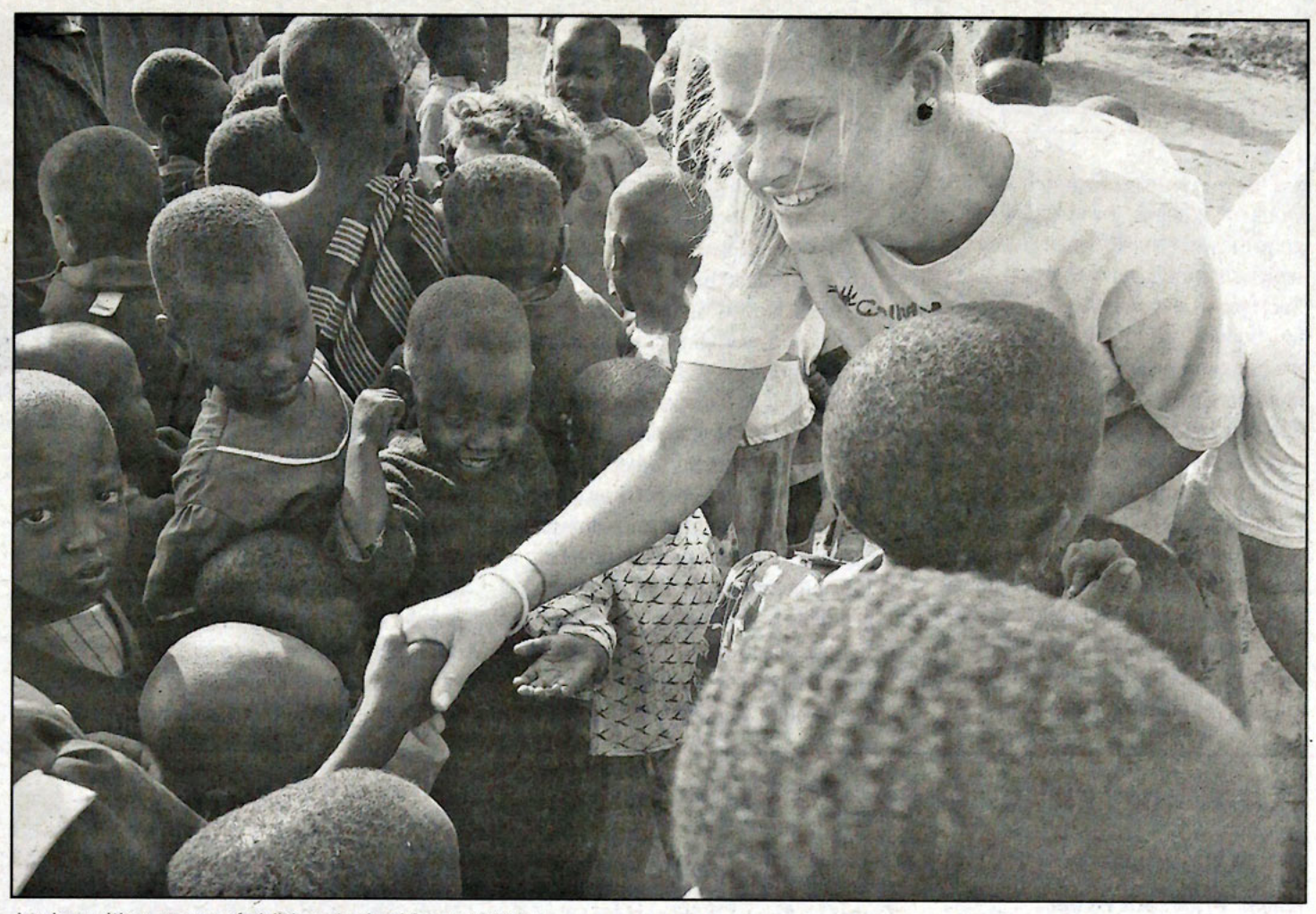

Jordan with a group of children in the Maasai Village

The educational world is a life of luxury, just ask the kids in Africa.

On a normal day, the average student probably wakes up, takes a hot shower, eats a hearty breakfast, and strolls off to class. On a normal day, the average African child in Tanzania wakes up in a dirt hut, wears the same clothing they wore that night, walks the surrounding area wishing for food, and watching jealously as the few more privileged children go off to school.

This is not information obtained from a movie, or a commercial, or a book; this is reality. This summer I boarded a plane that took me to one of the most corrupt and impoverished countries in Africa: Tanzania. My younger siblings had worked for some time raising money to buy mosquito nets to help prevent Malaria. Malaria kills a child in Africa every thirty seconds.

I was given the opportunity to join their team fairly last minute and without much knowledge of what I was getting myself into. My mother, sister, brother, and I jetted off to Rome, Adis Ababa, and finally Arusha. Arusha is most popularly known for tourists traveling to climb Mt. Kilaminjaro.

Africa was by far the biggest culture shock I have ever experienced. Compared to even this campus, they have nothing. We stayed three weeks in Tanzania with an elderly missionary couple who have given their lives to help the African people.

I didn't build a house or provide medical service, but I interacted with the people. It was shocking how much that little personal touch meant to them, even in different languages. I spent my time with children, from infants to children my age. Most had been abused, neglected, or given away. They wore torn dirty clothing and lots of them were visibly sick. Yet, they were the happiest, nicest, most genuine children I have ever met. I always tell the story of how we gave a butterscotch candy to one child. The rest of the children gathered around in a circle, passing the candy around, each taking a tiny bite and savoring every moment of the sweet pipi (candy). This small simple act, to me, was astonishing.

I also spent time in Maasai villages. Here, the men have many wives, and the wives have all duties, including working, making money, raising the children, etc. Although I couldn't speak their language, I sat with them and observed. We exchanged jewelry patterns and embraced one another's cultures. Also in this village, I visited a church where I met Pastor Robert. Out of his own pocket he has started a church and each day provides Bible and English lessons for the children. Two hundred children flock to this church, 86 of them being orphans. I danced and sang with these children, so I know personally that they do come for this and to learn, but they also come for food. Pastor Robert provides them with one cup of maize flour, sugar, and water: porridge. This is all those children eat a day. I opened up my heart and my wallet that day when I learned 15 dollars could feed all of these children their one meal a day.

One of the other privileges I had was meeting the missionaries' guard's family. He opened his home to us and introduced us to all six of his beautiful children. They are all smart and driven, with hopes of being doctors. The sad truth is that the possibility of this really happening is slim to none. The average African who has the money to go to school doesn't finish form six, or as we call it, high school, until late into their twenties, if ever. And, unfortunately, job opportunities are not very common. In fact, they currently have a 75% unemployment rate. The eldest of his children was Mary. She is twenty years old and actually graduating like a normal student in America would. She wants to go to university, one day travel to America, and mostly, she wants to be a journalist. University in Africa costs a mere few hundred dollars a year. Mary is a young person just like us, with dreams just like us, but with no opportunity and privilege like us. It's a sad truth, but also a startling realization. While essays and tests and teachers seem like such a drag, they are truly a blessing. We should all be proud and grateful for our education. Only two percent of African children in Tanzania get to go to school.

Even through the flies, and countless trips to the choo (hole in the ground, you get the idea), my trip to Africa was one of the most memorable and life changing experiences. My family and I were a team for the non-profit, non-denominational mission team, Called to Serve. The couple happily hosts teams all through the year. They accept teams, donations, prayers, and support. With their help and my families, a bank account has been opened so that Mary can go to university and one day be a journalist, just like those of us here at the Lions' Pride.

Going Green for Future Learning

BY LINDSAY RENNER
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In keeping with the nation's ever growing "going green" movement, Saint Leo's Learning Resource Center has recently made the switch from paper to digital meeting schedules. Using a program known as TutorTrac, students will be able to schedule appointments with tutors in the LRC from the comfort of their own rooms, rather than having to go into the LRC and sign up on a sheet for appointment times.

The week school began for the fall 2010 semester, students received an email informing them of the newest changes to the LRC. Shannon Greer, assistant director of academic student support services, said she began a "fact finding mission" last spring, and was able to make the purchase and thus, she along with others, began the process of configuring the system over summer break so it would be set to debut on time.

"The setup process was very complicated, but we saw the benefit of setting up this system and thus went through with it," Greer said.

According to Greer, one of the main ends for establishing TutorTrac for the LRC was to expand the room's accessibility beyond the doors itself. Registering for TutorTrac is as simple as sending an email to LRC@saintleo.edu with one's email address, Saint Leo ID number, cell phone number and name, and an email will be sent back at the earliest possible convenience with the new login and password information. What can TutorTrac do? With this system, accessed through "tutoring.saintleo.edu," students can check online to see what tutors are available for assistance in the LRC at any given time, in accordance with what subject they specialize in. From there, the appointment can be made to meet with the tutor, and should one's plans fall through, it is also possible to cancel from this portal. Papers can also be uploaded here and submitted ahead of time so that the tutor of choice may review the paper beforehand.

The use of TutorTrac has more than just the capability of helping students get aid for work. Greer believes that from this tool, students can learn the value of punctuality.

"With TutorTrac, we can meet students where they are. If a student can learn to make and keep appointments for themselves, they will have a valuable skill out in the real world," Greer said.

Overall, Greer believes the shift from paper to digital is a strong example of the university's core value of responsible stewardship.

"As responsible stewards, we have a duty to take care of not only our tools, but our environment as well. By limiting our use of paper, we take better care of our surroundings," Greer said.

With the LRC making such a strong shift for the environment and students alike, they are on the road to a different era.

Arts & Entertainment

The tainting of Vampires Suck

BY DONOVAN RUMMEL AND SHAINA SMITH
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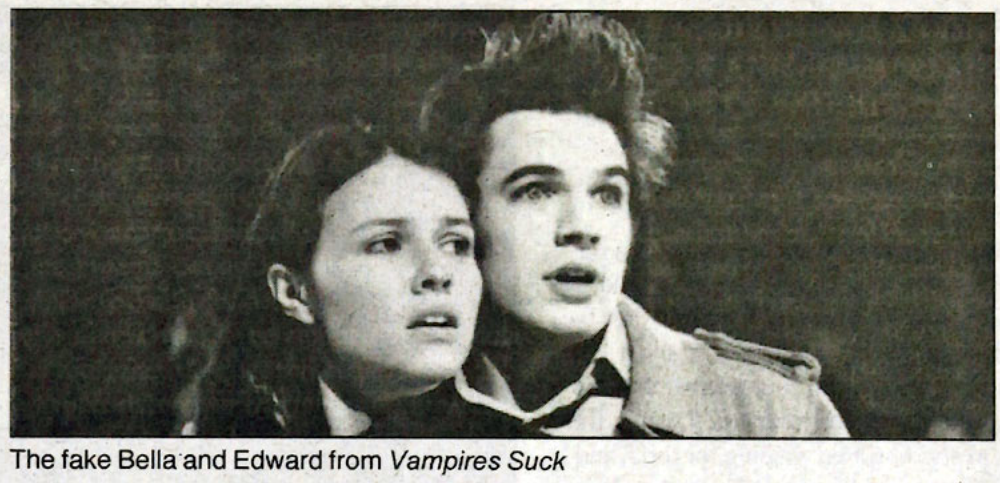
It was the best of vampires; it was the worst of vampires; it was actually a pretty good movie. Despite the lackluster reviews stating that it was a flop, Vampires Suck seems to be a case of art imitating low budget "art." Almost a year before the release date of Vampires Suck, a previous spoof on Twilight known as Taintlight had been released. It, too, was met with a slew of horrid reviews, but which was more worthy of rottentomatoes.com? Both movies begin with their respective Bella stand-ins Taintlight's Stella and Vampires Suck's Becca, returning to their childhood homes after they were abandoned by their mothers. This is where the first of many curiously similar joke patterns arise between the movies. It becomes apparent that there is just a little too much affection between the Bella characters and their father characters as both immediately comment upon their bust size. Then upon being led to their rooms which were kept "just as they left it" they discovered that their fathers had left adult oriented items in their rooms for them. Now if vague similarities are not enough, Vampires Suck has a few choice moments that were word for word, or move for move from Taintlight, but with a little Hollywood flare.

In Vampires Suck there is a scene where Jacob talks about being a man now and having his bar mitzvah while in Taintlight when referencing how long Edgar has known Jake he mentions attending his bar mitzvah, even the now famous dancing werewolf part came from the Michael Jackson wannabe werewolf of Taintlight. In the end, both



The fake Bella and Edward from *Vampires Suck*

were decent movies but suited to different purposes. Taintlight stayed on course of making fun of Twilight while Vampires Suck covered not only the Meyer series, but a diverse amount of current celebrity debacles, popular culture and film. The most striking difference between the two films was the targeted demographic where Taintlight with no rating to speak of is best suited to dorm rooms and parents viewing pleasures while Vampires Suck would be more appropriate in a teenager's DVD collection due to its lesser PG-13 rating and the more current pop culture jokes within.

Lindsay Lohan needs to grow up

BY MARY FRANCES CHUHINKO
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No one can argue that the 24- year-old isn't talented. She captured America's hearts back in 1998 with the Disney remake, "The Parent Trap." She showed such talent and skill playing two different characters throughout the film. The door was opened and a new star was born.
The problem from the start, however, came from Lohan's "Peter Pan" syndrome mother, Dina. What kind of mother lets her 17-year-old move out on her own to live clear across the country? Does that really sound like a good idea? For "tween" star Selena Gomez, while quoting her mother, Gomez recently said, "If she's not allowed to do it in Texas, she can't do it in L.A."

Children need structure. They shouldn't be allowed to just run amuck. Lohan was allowed to party at nightclubs at an extremely young age. Did her parents really believe that she could handle money, beauty and freedom? A lot of adults can't handle that. No one said a young woman can't have fun, but enough is enough. Lohan's old rival, Hilary Duff, 22, recently got married. Her old partying buddy, Nicole Richie, is engaged with two children.
Does Lindsay Lohan really want to end up like Paris Hilton? Grasping for attention at the age of 29?

There's no doubt that her parents let her down, but there comes a time in everyone's life when you have to stop blaming everyone else for the choices that you have made. Those choices landed Lohan with 13 days in jail. According to a new interview by Vanity Fair, due out the week of the 6th; Lindsay said, "I was irresponsible and I'm not making excuses." Though she later makes an excuse about her hard partying ways; "These are my college years...but they were in the public eye. I was irresponsible. I was experimenting. I was doing certain things that people do 10 times more of when they're in college." That sure does sound like a scripted excuse coming straight from the mouth of Dina Lohan.

Lohan needs to swallow her pride, because she won't win her fans back with a superiority complex, "I want my career back. I know that I'm a darn good actress." Just when it seems that the interview with Lindsay Lohan can't get any worse, Lohan makes one last statement, "And I'm not getting any younger. I want the respect that I had when I was doing great movies. And if that takes not going to a club at night, then so be it." That's the least she can do for herself!

Lohan needs to stop acting like a little kid and start acting her age. I personally have nothing against her, I've been a fan since I was 10 years old, but Lohan makes it hard to be a fan. I am tired of hearing about her hard partying and ignoring the natural talent that she has. I'm not getting any younger either. Grow up already Lindsay.

Book Review: Ivory Tower Cop

BY LINDSAY RENNER & GREG ROBINSON
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Leonard Territo says with a smile and a chuckle, "This is not a job for the squeamish."

He has decades of experience as a police detective, and these years of work are reflected in his thrilling crime novel *Ivory Tower Cop*. Dr. Territo co-wrote the book with fellow criminal investigator and professor Dr. George Kirkham. The book, which follows the investigation of a serial rapist, is as close to real as it gets.

Territo has spent over thirty years working in various Florida police departments and teaching criminal justice. He initially began working in the Tampa area on the police force in nearly all areas, particularly rape and homicide, and later moved on to teaching criminal justice at Saint Leo University, and the University of South Florida. In this time, Territo also worked in Tallahassee, where he was one of the men responsible for bringing noted serial killer Ted Bundy to justice.

With a past so rich in the pursuit of criminal justice, the subject of Territo's book, *Ivory Tower Cop,* comes as no surprise. The novel, based on a series of rapes that took place in Oklahoma in the 1970s, sets the reader in the shoes of a detective faced with the task of solving a series of sexual assaults on professional women. The book's protagonist, Dr. David Roth, is a widely known expert on crimes of this nature. After a particularly brutal assault on a student of Roth's, a Miami detective challenges Roth to join the force and view rape from a first-hand perspective rather than an academic one. What follows is the chronicle of a man pushed to his furthest limits, and who nearly loses himself in a dark cloud of moral ambiguity.

Dr. Kirkham, the co-author along with Territo, took a much different route in law enforcement but encountered many of the same crimes that Territo did. After serving as a criminology professor for some years, Kirkham left his teaching post, enlisted in the police academy, and spent time as a cop on beat in a major metropolitan area. He split his time between teaching and law enforcement for the next 18 years, something that gave him tremendous insight into the theoretical and practical sides of police investigation. His experiences are the framework for the protagonist in the novel.

The two authors used all this experience with law enforcement and investigation to make the novel as realistic as possible. Through the eyes of two veterans, the reader is able to see how difficult and frustrating a detective's job is, especially when tracking a dangerous criminal. However, the novel is propelled by romantic interest and an exciting plot, keeping the pages turning.

As a man who experienced many things chronicled in this book firsthand, Territo, along with Kirkham, depicts all aspects of the book faithfully, accurately, and perhaps a bit disturbingly.

The two are planning for a second novel, *The Paper Man*. They have no definite plans to write and release it, although it is something both would like to do. Kirkham has penned a bestselling autobiography, *Signal Zero*, and holds the position of professor emeritus in the College of Criminology at Florida State University.

One Tank Travel: The Tampa Bay Buccaneers

BY JORDAN COATES
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Photo by Jane Cetrangolo

Jordan and other Saint Leo students, Lisa Cetrangolo, Erin Kerley, and alumni Erika Perez decorated themselves in Buccaneer gear and went to the third pre-season game in Tampa.

The glory of football can be enjoyed by anyone, even the students of Saint Leo University; the university without a football team.

Although the students of Saint Leo can proudly call themselves the Lions, there is a certain something missing from the sports department: football. Undoubtedly one of America's favorite sports is the game of football. It seems impossible to not enjoy the bright lights and crowded stadium seats. The painted faces and colored clothing of screaming fans brings an overwhelming excitement. The green grass, uniformed athletes, and sparkle of the cheerleaders are eye capturing. And of course, there is simply the love of the game. All this is well and good, but the root of the fun lies in dedication. It is about rooting for that one particular team and watching every moment of it hoping they will win. Most universities that come to mind provide just that opportunity. College football gives students the chance to represent their own team. They cheer, they tailgate, and they fulfill their fan duties. So, what happens when a university doesn't have a football team? Of course there are the other sports teams, there is the sports channel, and fantasy leagues, but these replacements can only go so far. The good news is there is a solution. This university is part of the Saint Leo community. However, on a larger scale, it is a part of the Tampa community, and Tampa is home to the football team, the Buccaneers.

The Bucs stadium, Raymond James, is an easy find off Dale Mabry. The stadium is large and surprisingly nice, inside and out. The inside almost resembles a food court with the many food and beverage options, along with the many novelty shops. There is, of course, the normal stadium seating, club seating, and private suites. Like most stadiums, the field is extravagantly lit up, packed with screens, advertisements, and bright lights. It provides great distraction and entertainment when the game is not in play. Throughout all of Tampa and even here at Saint Leo, die hard Bucs fans can be found. A personal experience of the Bucs third pre season game, in club seating, was initiated by one of these Leo fans. While club seating is not always the easiest or cheapest option, it is worth it. Even a thirty minute storm delay is quite nice inside the comfy, well air conditioned part of the stadium. It is perfect for a slice of pizza, cup of dip n dots, and a cocktail. Also, if in club seating, it is absolutely necessary to visit the pirate ship. The boat area is extravagantly decorated and perfect for pictures. The crowd is wild, the view is great, beads are thrown, and a local fan rumored that the beer is cheaper. It is wise, however, to not visit during half time as it gets quite hectic. Make sure to pay attention to the game though; it could be a close one!

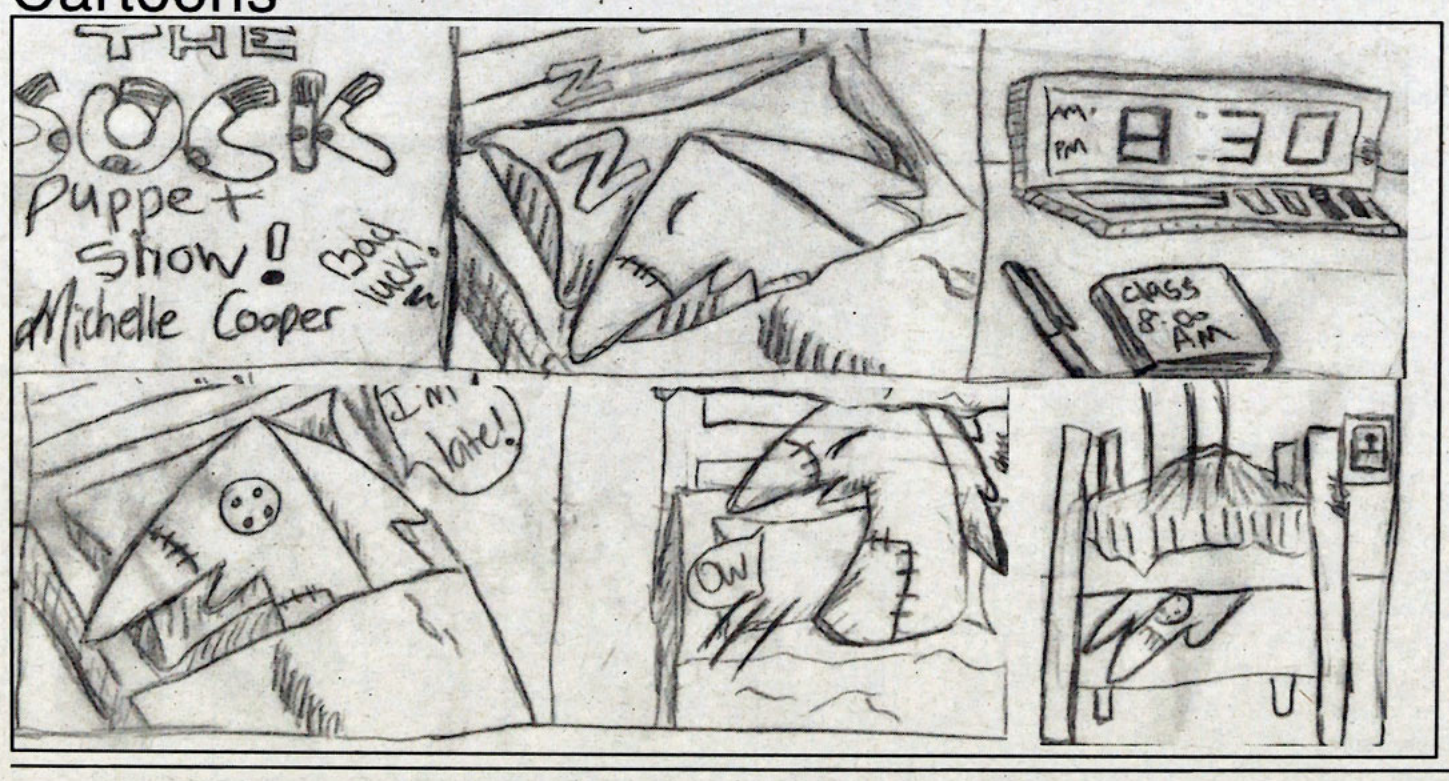
The Bucs previously won the Superbowl 37 in 2003 against the Oakland Raiders and have been working hard to achieve the champion title again. Even so, the amount of fans doesn't always thrive. Since their win, the Bucs have slowly lost some support. Not only this, but with today's economy, tickets to the game do not always fit in the budget. The dedicated fans, however, have always had the option of watching the game in the comfort of their homes. This year, because the stadium seats were not sold out, the Bucs games will not be on television. This has left many fans very disgruntled. However, this just gives more incentive to attend a game. And really, attending the game is the best way to experience the Buccaneers. Where else could you hear live cannon shots during a football game?

So, here presents a twofold problem. First, the Bucs support system has declined and many tickets are unsold. Secondly, Saint Leo University does not have a football team. The answer to these problems is pretty obvious. It only makes sense for the students of Saint Leo to get their football fix with the local Tampa Buccaneers. It is comforting to know that outside of campus, there is football. The games are fun, and the thrill of being a hopeful fan makes it all worthwhile.

One fan from Saint Leo, Lisa Cetrangolo, said, "I am very upset that I cannot watch the games on TV, but having tickets occasionally for me and my friends make up for it. It is awesome to be a dedicated fan!"

If this is of interest, tickets are still for sale and regular season games start September 12th. The best news is the football games are less than a tank of gas away. Go Bucs!

Cartoons



Upcoming Concerts

Kings of Leon
9/18/10
1-800-ASK-GARY AMPITHEATER
7:30pm

Lady Antebellum
9/21/10
Ruth Eckerd Hall
7:30pm

Ludo
9/22/10
State Theater
7:00pm

Drake
9/24/10
USF Sundome
8:00pm

Rascal Flatts with Kellie Pickler
9/25/10
1-800-ASK-GARY AMPITHEATER
7:30pm

Papa Roach with Trapt and My Darkest Days
10/2/10
Jannus Live
8:00pm

Vampire Weekend
10/12/10
Jannus Live
6:00pm

Stone Temple Pilots
10/13/10
Germain Arena
7:00pm

Hey Monday
10/20/10
State Theater
6:00pm

Sports

Lions' Cross Country Opens 2010 Season with Early Bird Classic

BY MINDY PIERCE & JESSICA PALL
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The 2010 Cross Country Team Picture
Courtesy of Mike Carlson

After returning to Saint Leo University on August 14 for pre-season, the Lions' cross country runners have been preparing for their 2010 season with completing 8-10 mile training runs, cross training sessions, and gym work.

Friday, Sept. 3, marked the first meet for the runners who competed in the Early Bird Classic, hosted by the Lions' rival, University of Tampa. The men's team came in 4 place overall with 139 points while the women ranked 5, scoring 113 points.

For the men, graduate runner Jon Norris finished in 10 place overall and first for the Lions, clocking a time of 23:34.00. Freshmen Bryan Haynes and Sophomore's Mike Berry and Erick Dirth finished respectively with times of 24:34.28, 25:23.34, and 26:00.0.

For the women, freshmen Andrea Maxwell finished 12 overall and scored first for the Lions with a time of 20:19.00. Sophomore Jillian Browne completed her 5k right behind Maxwell placing 13 with a time of 20:32.00. Senior Alison Luthman came in 20 and Mariah Moss 31 for the Lions with times of 21:15.00 and 23:00.00.

The host, University of Tampa, took home first overall.

Both the Lions' men and women's team are coached by Melissa Miller who has been with the Lions since the fall of 2008. Miller was assistant head coach the first season before transitioning to head coach in 2009. This fall, 2010, marks Miller's second season as head coach of a team who will compete with 11 new talented recruits. The men's team has the largest roster the program has ever seen since the addition of cross country to the athletic department in 2006, with eight new runners. The lady Lions' runners have three new freshmen to their roster for a solid total of eight.

On Saturday, Sept. 11, the Lions' will compete again at the Florida Tech Invitational in Melbourne, Fla. At 7:30 a.m.

For a complete listing of all the individual results, visit the Saint Leo Athletic website online at www.saintleolions.com.

Senior Spotlight

Kristen Preseault Courtesy of Mike Carlson

BY JACOB STOUT
Lions' Pride Sports Writer

Kristen Preseault, a senior midfielder on the Saint Leo women's soccer team, hails from Bradenton, Fla. and played her high school soccer career at Southeast High School.

As a freshman, Preseault was consistently in the lineup as she appeared in all 19 games for the Lions. She started playing midfielder but also featured as a defender for a few games and played as a forward for a bit.

Her sophomore year saw her emerge as a consistent starter . While appearing in all 20 matches for the Lions' during her second year at Saint Leo, Preseault experienced a breakout year while scoring her first career goal, a game winner against Eckerd College on Sept. 25, 2007. She was also named Sunshine State Conference Defensive Player of the Week on Sept. 4, 2007. These accomplishments are only two of the many memories Preseault has as a collegiate soccer player.

In Preseault's junior season in 2008, she appeared in 11 games and started six of them for the Lions. However, on Oct. 6, her season was cut short when she went down with a torn ACL during a game against Rollins.

The next year, 2009, Preseault looked poised to play the entire season with her team but on the first day of preseason she re-tore her ACL and missed the entire season after enduring surgery to repair it.

This season, Preseault is ready to play with her team who she says is "more of a family than any club team I have played on. We know how to leave off-the-field business off the field and not let it affect our play on the field."

Preseault is majoring in Psychology and is also pursuing a minor in Sales and Marketing in Sport. She plans on continuing her education in graduate school when she graduates in Dec.

When asked what she would like to do after college, Preseault told the Lions' Pride, "I want to become a sports psychologist and work with injured athletes to get back on the field or court. I've gone through so much mentally and physically the past two years, I have learned that a good trainer will get you back stronger than you ever thought you were."

Along with her first collegiate goal and being named Defensive Player of the Week of the Sunshine State Conference, another great memory Preseault experienced was in 2008 when her Saint Leo Soccer team beat Florida Southern College to win the Sunshine State Conference tournament.

Men's Soccer opens 2010 Season beating No. 20 ranked Carson Newman Eagles 5-1 in first non-conference game Sept. 2.

#9 Freshman Aaron Gendreau Courtesy of Mike Carlson

#11 Sophomore Odyss Economides Courtesy of Mike Carlson

#14 Junior Andro Hrkac
Courtesy of Mike Carlson